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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **LOW PROFILE HEART VALVE PROSTHESIS** the specification of which:

☒ [ X ] is attached hereto  
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amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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(Application No.)

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(Country)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Application Serial No.)

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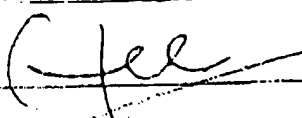
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